



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

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Docket No: 4235-00
15 December 2000

MR [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552. You requested that your reenlistment code of RE-4 (not eligible for reenlistment without prior approval of the Chief of Naval Personnel) be changed to RE-3 (eligible for reenlistment except for disqualifying factor).

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 13 December 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board found that you were discharged on 17 July 1998 by reason of "erroneous entry - alcohol abuse," and that you were awarded the RE-4 code. Your record shows that while you were in the Navy, you were diagnosed as alcohol dependent. You now contend that you have had no problems with alcohol abuse since your discharge; however, the Board was unable to find that you were improperly diagnosed while you were in the Navy. In view of the above, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official

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records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director